

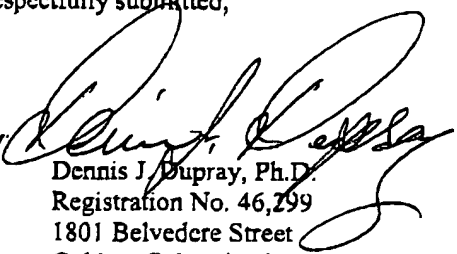
REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected Claims 85-249 under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as their invention. In particular, the Examiner indicates that there is an undue multiplicity of claims. The present Amendment and Response is provided to address the Examiner's rejection, and follows a phone conversation with the Examiner regarding this matter. In particular, the present Amendment and Response cancels all new independent claims entered in the previous Amendment and Response filed on August 17, 2000, and further changes Claim 111 back to a dependent claim (dependent on Claim 106). Accordingly, the only claims remaining that were newly entered in the August 17, 2000 Amendment and Response are claims that are dependent on Claims 85-179. That is, the Claims 180-202 and 245-249 are all dependent on Claims 85-179. Moreover, since the Claims 85-179 were previously allowed (with the exception of some minor wording changes), and since it is believed that the amendments of Claims 85-179 in the August 17, 2000 Amendment and Response do not effect the patentability thereof, it is respectfully requested that the present Amendment and Response be entered to thereby fully address the Examiner's 112 second paragraph rejection.


Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections is respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner has any questions, or the Examiner's rejection is not withdrawn, Applicant's request that the Examiner contact the Applicant named hereinbelow by phone. It is believed that no fees are due with this response. However, if additional fees are due, it is also requested that the Applicant named hereinbelow be contacted by phone.

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